GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). As various ministries are involved in this activity, information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

"Model conducive environment" for Industrial Units

2240. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum from a number of factory-owners in Delhi for creating a "Model conducive environment" for their efficient functioning;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions made therein and the hurdles enumerated in their memorandum; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). According to Delhi Administration, they have not received any Memorandum for the factory owners in Delhi. However, the Delhi Administration as a step towards pollution free environment, have adopted a policy emphasising promotion only of modern non-polluting high-tech Small Scale Industries.

Import of Fertilizers

2241. SHRI P.M. SAYEED:
SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR:
SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of fertilizer proposed to be imported and its expected demand during 1991-92;

(b) the expenditure involved in the import in the foreign exchange:

(c) the countries from where it is to be imported; and

(d) the approximate time by which India is likely to become self-sufficient in fertilizers and th steps taken in that direction so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTLIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The estimated consumption of fertilizers during 1991-92 and the quantity of fertilizers imported during the year upto November, 91, in terms of nutrients are given as under:-

(Fig. in lakh tonnes)

	Nitrogen	*Phosphate*	*Potash*
Estimated consumption during 91-92.	84.44	36.47	14.35
Import upto November 91.	4.61	9.50	9.23

(b) The cost and freight value of the finished fertilisers imported during the year upto November 91, comes to Rs. 1513.97 crores.

(c) Fertilisers have been imported from a large number of countries including USA, USSR, Germany, Canada, Jordan, Saudi Arabia etc.

(d) Self-sufficiency has been achieved in Nitrogen to the extent of approximately 87% of the annual consumption. India has very limited resource for phosphatic fertiliser and its import, therefore, will continue both in the form of finished fertilisers as well as raw materials and intermediates. There is no known and commercially exploitable resource of potash available in the country and the entire requirement of potassic fertiliser is, therefore, being met by import. A number of projects have been lined up for inclusion in the 8th Plan. The projects currently under implementation and those likely to be included in the 8th plan, when commissioned, will improve the availability from the indigenous sources.

Abolition of Lease System in NDMC Markets

2242. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received some proposals to abolish lease system in all the NDMC markets in the capital;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the time by which a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI. M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). No, Sir. The N.D.M.C. has also reported that the shops in the NDMC markets are allotted on licence basis and, therefore, the question of abolition of lease system does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Committee for Granting Licences to Sugar Factories

2243. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted a committee for granting approval to sugar factories and for their expansion;

(b) if so, the composition and terms of reference of that committee; and

(c) the time by which the said committee is likely to take decision in regard to new sugar factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). Consequent upon the issue of the revised guidelines, Government have constituted a new ten-member Screening Committee to scrutinize the applications received for grant of Latter of Intent/Industrial Licences for establishment of new Sugar factories and expansion in the existing sugar factories, A copy of the Office Memorandum dated 11.11.91 issued in this regard in given in the include Statement.

(c) Keeping in view the guidelines and the phased availability of capacity for licensing, the Committee would hold its meeting from time to time to scrutinize the pending applications.

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